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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

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Reconsideration of the above-identified patent application, as amended, is respectfully requested. The present amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed January 7, 2009.

A petition for extension of time accompanies this amendment.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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